

**CHAPTER NO. 357**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1801**

**By Fowler, Crutchfield**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1879

By McAfee, Rhinehart, Wood, Eckles, Hood, Ford, Brenda Turner, Fraley, Sharp, Stulce,  
Beavers, Fitzhugh, Lewis

AN ACT To revise the enumeration of state natural areas and to amend Tennessee  
Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2), is amended  
by adding the following as an appropriately designated subsection:

( ) NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK GORGE. An area of approximately three thousand seven hundred (3,700) acres located in Hamilton County that includes the rugged and steep gorge of North Chickamauga Creek. This area provides habitat for the state and federally endangered large-flowered skullcap (*Scutellaria montana*) and the state endangered and federally threatened Virginia spirea (*Spirea virginiana*), as well as numerous other rare species of plants. This Cumberland Plateau site includes a diversity of forest types from rich mixed mesophytic forest in the gorge to xeric oak-hickory-pine forest on the uplands.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(1), is amended  
by adding the following as an appropriately designated subsection:

( ) CHIMNEYS. An area of approximately thirty-three (33) acres along Pocket Creek in Marion County that protects an unusual geologic feature and surrounding forested gorge. This area, located within the Cumberland Plateau Physiographic Province, includes two isolated sandstone pinnacles rising out of Pocket Gorge. The pinnacles are connected by a natural bridge or arch that forms a natural window in their base. In addition to the pinnacles, this area also includes several waterfalls and an "old growth" Hemlock forest.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(1)(E) FALLING  
WATER FALLS, is amended by deleting the language "one hundred (100) acres" and substituting instead "one hundred thirty-six (136) acres".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2), is amended  
by adding the following as appropriately designated subsections:

( ) FLAT ROCK CEDAR GLADES AND BARRENS. An area approximately five hundred seventy-six (576) acres in Rutherford County that includes a large expanse of cedar glades and barrens supporting populations of the federally and state endangered Pyne's Ground-Plum (*Astragalus bibullatus*) and Leafy Prairie-Clover (*Dalea foliosa*), as well as numerous other rare and endemic species of plants. This biologically rich site is within the Central Basin Physiographic Province and represents one of the largest and most ecologically diverse glade/barren complexes in the Central Basin.

( ) FATE SANDERS BARRENS. An area of approximately two hundred thirty (230) acres located in Rutherford County that includes barrens with small glades interspersed among cedar-hardwood forest. The barrens of this Central Basin site are dominated by native warm season grasses, while the glades support state-listed rare and endemic plant species.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2)(U) SUNK LAKE, is amended by deleting the language "one thousand three hundred thirty-three (1,333) acres" and substituting instead "one thousand six hundred eighty-three (1,683) acres".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 24, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR